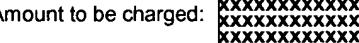
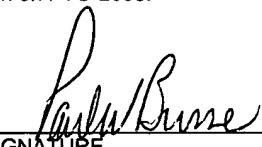


Form PTO-1390 (Rev. 12-2001) F&B (3/02)		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office Attorney's Docket Number 89946/JLT (58575 - 31437)	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		10/537389 U.S. Application No. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>EXPRESS MAIL NO. EL210859942US</b> June 3, 2005	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/013727	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 4, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 6, 2002	
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MESO-SUBSTITUTED CYANINE DYES</b>			
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> TIMPE, Hans-Joachim; KOTTMAIR, Eduard			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))        a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).        a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.        b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))        a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.        d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>			
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>			

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/537389</b>		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/013727		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 89946/JLT (58575-316373)	
21. The following fees are submitted:				Applicant Use	Office use only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee \$300.00				300	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee \$200.00				200	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee \$500.00				500	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b>				1000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		RATE	
- 100 =	/50 =			x \$250.00	0
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				0	
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>	<b>RATE</b>		
Total Claims	14- 20 =	0	x \$50.00	0	
Independent claims	1- 3 =	0	x \$200.00	0	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	0
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2					
				<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	0
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+ 0	
				<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	1000
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ 0	
				<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>	1000
				Amount to be refunded: 	\$ 
				Amount to be charged: 	\$ 
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0029</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer Number 01333					
 SIGNATURE <u>Paul W. Busse</u> NAME <u>32,403</u> REGISTRATION NUMBER					